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Third session: *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Third Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.73.II.D.4), annex I, A;

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Sixth session: *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Sixth Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.II.D.6), part one, sect. A;

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RESOLUTIONS

387 (XXXVII). Interdependence of problems of trade, development finance and the international monetary system[1]

The Trade and Development Board,

Taking into account the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990,

Recalling its resolution 374 (XXXVI) of 13 October 1989,

Recalling also the Declaration adopted on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of UNCTAD in its resolution 376 (XXXVI) of 13 October 1989,

Taking into consideration the debate on the interdependence of problems of trade, finance and the monetary system at the first part of its thirty-seventh session,

Taking into consideration the prevailing international economic situation,

Adopts the following recommendations:

1. The Trade and Development Board, aware that one of the key elements for the success of economic policies is the determination to adapt, invites all countries to pursue effective and efficient structural adjustment efforts, in accordance with their priorities, objectives, capacities, specific conditions and needs, making use of market signals as appropriate. Poverty alleviation, equitable burden sharing, participatory development and democratization based on respect of national sovereignty are important conditions and objectives of development. The acceleration of changes in the international situation makes it more necessary than ever to adjust to the new situation.

2. The present opportunity to restore a long-term approach to development and move beyond short-term adjustment must be seized. Actions should take into account the responsibility of each country for its own development and should be in accordance with its capacity and its impact on the international economy.

3. The Board invites Governments and competent international institutions to support the development efforts of the developing countries by additional resources and to continue to address the debt problem, taking into account resolution 388 (XXXVII) on debt adopted by the Board at the current session. The Board underlines that the international community should support adjustment policies in developing countries in the spirit of reinforced partnership. It invites industrialized countries to do their utmost to contribute to the necessary actions in accordance with their capacities and their economic power. It invites the international financial institutions to further enhance their aid to developing countries and improve its quality.

4. The Board, underlining the particular importance in the present context of a successful outcome of the Uruguay Round, appeals to all Governments engaged in the multilateral trade negotiations to reaffirm their determination to achieve balanced results, opening the way to increased liberalization and sustained growth in world trade for the benefit of all countries and especially developing countries.

5. The Board, being aware that one of the important factors in the international economic situation resides also in the growing differences in global finance needs and savings levels, which further aggravate the problem of allocating adequate resources for development, invites all countries to favour, by appropriate policies, an increase in their level of savings so as to release extra financial resources commensurate with investment and development needs. The additional resources thus released should be used in an effective and profitable way to achieve in all countries sustained and sustainable development. All countries should continue to establish conditions favourable to national and foreign investment, the reduction of flight capital and its repatriation.

6. In order to bring about a more favourable international economic environment conducive to development, there is a crucial need for cooperation in a number of important areas, notably: the dialogue on commodities; the reduction of internal and external imbalances; and the stability of the international monetary system through further coordination of economic and monetary policies.

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17 October 1990

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[1] For a statement made by the spokeswoman for the Group of 77 (India) in connection with the adoption of this resolution, see the report of the Board on the first part of its thirty-seventh session (hereinafter referred to as the "report of the Board" (*Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Thirty-seventh Session, first part, Supplement No. 1A (part I)*, TD/B/1277 (Vol. II)), part two, chap. II.

388 (XXXVII). Debt and development problems of developing countries[2]

The Trade and Development Board,

Reaffirming its resolution 375 (XXXVI) of 13 October 1989,

Recalling the Final Act[3] adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its seventh session, and General Assembly resolution 41/202 of 8 December 1986,

Noting General Assembly resolutions 42/198 of 11 December 1987, 43/198 of 20 December 1988, 44/205 and 44/232 of 22 December 1989,

Concerned that many developing countries, particularly the heavily indebted ones, continue to experience poor growth performance, which is a threat to their economic, social and political stability,

Further concerned by continued insufficient financial resources available to developing countries for development, which in a number of cases have not offset the outflows of resources from developing countries,

Welcoming the recent improvements in the debt strategy and especially:

(*a*) The wide application of the Toronto Economic Summit terms since 1988,

(*b*) The application by the Paris Club of new practices in favour of lower middle-income countries since September 1990, which include longer repayment periods as well as, on a voluntary basis, limited debt-for-nature, debt-for-aid, debt-for-equity swaps or other local currency debt swaps,

(*c*) The efforts made or announced by developed countries, in conformity with Trade and Development Board resolution 165 (S-IX) of 11 March 1978, by cancelling official development assistance debt, or providing equivalent relief,

(*d*) The recommendations made by the Interim Committee of the International Monetary Fund and Development Committee of the World Bank and the Fund to implement fully and expeditiously the strengthened debt strategy,

(*e*) The number of debt and debt-service reduction packages already concluded, or in the course of negotiation, between debtor countries and commercial banks,

(*f*) The proposals made by some Governments, such as those of France, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, involving further measures to reduce the official debt burden, and efforts by the United States of America to implement the "Enterprise for the Americas Initiative" designed to promote investment, growth and debt reduction in Latin America,

Noting with interest the continued analytical efforts carried out by a number of international institutions, and that the Secretary-General of the United Nations has appointed Mr. Bettino Craxi as his Personal Representative on Debt,

Encouraging further progress to be made in the implementation of the debt strategy in order to contribute to the restoration of normal debtor/creditor relations in most heavily indebted countries, external viability, sustained and satisfactory growth, and adjustment efforts of developing countries,

Noting with deep concern the serious adverse impact of the latest crisis on many developing countries, particularly the heavily indebted ones and those most seriously affected,

Recognizing the role of the international financial institutions in dealing with the debt problems of developing countries,

1. *Agrees* that further action through the international debt strategy is needed to achieve expeditiously durable, equitable and mutually agreed solutions to the problem of indebtedness in each of the countries concerned, with a view to promoting the revival of growth and sustained development in developing countries. This will require, *inter alia*:

(*a*) Intensified efforts by industrial countries, within the framework of international cooperation, to bring about a more favourable international economic environment conducive to non-inflationary growth and development by adopting an appropriate mix of fiscal and monetary policies conducive to a decline in interest rates; by promoting the stability of exchange markets; by facilitating adequate financing of adjustment programmes; by encouraging the flow of direct foreign investment and other non-debt-creating flows to developing countries; and by contributing, with all trading partners, to a timely and successful outcome of the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations that would result in the liberalization and expansion of world trade to the benefit of all countries, especially developing countries;

(*b*) The strengthening by debtor countries of their growth-oriented adjustment policies including sound macroeconomic and structural policies, measures to consolidate national savings, attract direct foreign investment and other non-debt-creating flows, and reverse capital flight, taking into account their priorities and the needs of the most vulnerable groups;

(*c*) Intensified efforts to review the terms of official debt reschedulings in order to bring debt-service obligations in line with what heavily indebted countries can be expected to pay according to their capacity:

(i) Without jeopardizing their adjustment efforts, their economic growth and the satisfaction of basic social needs;

(ii) Through urgent consideration of the various proposals recently put forward by a number of creditor Governments concerning the reduction of official bilateral debt and debt service owed by low-income countries;

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[2] For statements made by the spokesman for Group B (Germany) and the representatives of Bulgaria, Poland and the United States of America in connection with the adoption of this resolution, see the report of the Board, part II, chap. II.

[3] *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Seventh Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.88.II D.1), part one, sect. A.1.

(iii) Through, *inter alia*, consideration of options by creditor countries to lighten the debt burden of middle-income countries with significant official debt;

(*d*) Faster and more effective implementation of the strengthened debt strategy designed, *inter alia*, to extend, on an appropriate scale, to additional eligible countries the reduction of debt and debt service owed to commercial banks, with financial support from official sources, where appropriate. In this regard, multilateral institutions and creditor Governments are invited to continue to review intensively those aspects of their operating guidelines, and fiscal and regulatory provisions, that have a bearing on debt and debt-service reduction, to ensure that they facilitate this process;

(*e*) Careful consideration of measures by multilateral financial institutions, development funds and donor countries to alleviate the burden of multilateral debt owed by the least developed countries, as recommended by the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;[4]

(*f*) Adequate financial assistance by donors to developing countries making serious efforts to cope with overdue obligations to multilateral financial institutions, in order to help clear arrears and finance structural adjustment programmes through a cooperative approach;

(*g*) Due consideration to be given by creditors, through the adoption of appropriate policies, to those developing countries with substantial debt burdens that have not restructured their debt and have remained current in servicing their external obligations, while carrying out sound macroeconomic policies;

2. *Urges* the multilateral financial institutions and the donor countries to take appropriate steps to assist effectively developing countries adversely affected by the latest crisis. In particular, the multilateral financial institutions are invited to respond promptly, flexibly and with expanded resources to the needs of the present situation, and play a catalytic role in mobilizing additional assistance.

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[4] See *Report of the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 3-14 September 1990* (A/CONF.147/18), chap. III.

DECISIONS

384 (XXXVII). UNCTAD's contribution, within its mandate, to sustainable development (Board decision 370 (XXXV))

The Trade and Development Board,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 42/187 of 11 December 1987 and 44/227 of 22 December 1989 and Board decision 370 (XXXV) of 22 March 1989,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 44/228 of 22 December 1989, on a United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

Considering that an integrated perspective of both environment and development is crucial to all countries to make headway in efforts to achieve sustainable development and to tackle the root causes of poverty and environmental degradation,

Reconfirming that sustainable development does not constitute a new form of conditionality in development assistance and financing,

Taking note of the report by the UNCTAD secretariat on sustainable development and UNCTAD activities,[5]

1. *Decides* that the objective of sustainable development, particularly the reduction of poverty, should be incorporated into all areas of UNCTAD's work at the intergovernmental level, and that the respective committees at their forthcoming sessions should consider activities in relation to sustainable development in the context of their work programme in the light of this decision;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to ensure that the concept of sustainable development be systematically integrated in the ongoing work of the secretariat, in particular in the areas of trade, commodities, technology and finance for development;

3. *Further invites* the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to ensure that sustainable development is adequately reflected in UNCTAD's analytical work, and that this work contributes to the elaboration of innovative thinking and increased awareness in the area of environmental development economics;

4. *Encourages* continued cooperation between the secretariats of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and UNCTAD to contribute to the preparations for the Conference in 1992, concerning the issues within the scope of that Conference which also fall within UNCTAD's mandate, *inter alia*, through the preparation in UNCTAD for the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, taking into account studies undertaken in other appropriate forums, to prepare an analysis, if possible for the first part of the thirty-eighth session of the Trade and Development Board, of the issue of sustainable development, in particular the reduction of poverty and its interface with policies and mechanisms in environmentally sensitive sectors, such as agriculture, energy, industry and transport, as well as with relevant structural policies such as those relating to the enterprise sector;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, in connection with the efforts to promote dialogue within UNCTAD on the interlinkages between environmental

[5] TD/B/1267.

and trade policies, to adjust the UNCTAD Trade Control Measures Information System to monitor environmental regulations for possible protectionism and to monitor non-tariff measures which have a bearing on the environment;

7. *Reconfirms* the need for UNCTAD to conduct the activities outlined above within overall existing resources, without having a negative effect on other ongoing priority programmes; at the same time, the Secretary-General of UNCTAD may examine ways in which additional voluntary extra-budgetary resources could be used effectively to implement the objectives of this decision;

8. *Reiterates* the request contained in the annex to its decision 370 (XXXV) to the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to develop proposals for technical assistance, in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme and other relevant agencies;

9. *Underlines* that the activities referred to above should pay specific attention to the needs of the least developed countries, including, *inter alia*, small island States among them;

10. *Invites* international development agencies and donor countries in a position to do so to provide voluntary extrabudgetary resources for the purpose of technical assistance.

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385 (XXXVII). Economic cooperation among developing countries

The Trade and Development Board,

Recalling its decision 142 (XVI) of 23 October 1976 and Committee on Economic Cooperation among Developing Countries resolutions 1 (I) of 9 May 1977, 2 (III) of 5 October 1983, 3 (IV) of 29 November 1985, and 4 (V) of 12 June 1989, as well as the relevant provisions of the Final Act adopted by the Conference at its seventh session,[6]

Noting the recommendations on economic cooperation among developing countries contained in the report of the South Commission,[7]

Noting further the efforts made by developing countries to promote economic cooperation among developing countries in general, expand trade among themselves in particular and to improve their international trade capabilities,

Recognizing that while the primary responsibility for enhancing intra-developing country trade, and economic cooperation among developing countries in general, lies with the developing countries, the support of other members of the international community and a favourable external environment play a significant role in the success of economic cooperation among developing countries,

Bearing in mind the various constraints on expansion of developing-country mutual trade: particularly, limitations of access to markets and to external resources on suitable terms and conditions, the dearth of financial resources that can be spared for trade financing, structural weaknesses of trade-support networks in marketing, distribution, communication and transport,

Reiterating the need for continued effective and practical support by the UNCTAD secretariat to developing countries and their groupings in their efforts to promote economic cooperation among developing countries in general and mutual trade in particular,

Calls upon the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to enhance his support to economic cooperation among developing countries by:

(*a*) Assisting developing countries and their groupings through various forms of technical assistance with the promotion of economic cooperation among developing countries in general, technical cooperation among developing countries, and the expansion of intra-developing-country trade in particular, including, if requested, advice on the preparation, conduct and evaluation of trade negotiations among developing countries. In this connection, UNDP and other funding institutions are invited to provide financial support to UNCTAD to carry out these projects;

(*b*) Undertaking, in cooperation with member States, an in-depth study on the main impediments and disincentives which adversely affect the expansion of trade among developing countries. This study should explore those measures and alternatives of relevance with specific recommendations for future consideration in the Trade and Development Board through the Committee on Economic Cooperation among Developing Countries.

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386 (XXXVII). Review of the calendar of meetings[8]

The Trade and Development Board

1. *Approves* the calendar of meetings for the remainder of 1990;

2. *Takes note* of the draft calendar of meetings for 1991 and the tentative schedules for 1992 and 1993,[9] on the understanding that these will be finalized in the light of the timing of the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

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[6] *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Seventh Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations Publication, Sales No. E.88.II D.1), part one, sect. A.1.

[7] *The Challenge to the South*, Oxford University Press, 1990.

[8] For the revised calendar, see TD/B/INF.179.

[9] TD/B/L.901 and Add.1.

OTHER DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD

at the first part of its thirty-seventh session

(*a*) Adoption of the report on credentials

1. At the 780th meeting, on 12 October 1990, the Board adopted the report submitted by its Bureau on the credentials of all representatives attending the session.[10]

(*b*) Provisional agenda for the second part of the thirty-seventh session of the Board

2. At the 780th meeting the Board approved the provisional agenda for the second part of its thirty-seventh session.[11] In this connection, the Board endorsed the following understanding, read out by the President, concerning future treatment by the Board of relevant trade issues pertaining to the countries of Eastern Europe:

> "There are a number of resolutions and decisions of both the Conference and the Board requiring that problems pertaining to trade relations among countries having different economic and social systems be considered by the Board in one of its Sessional Committees.
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> "It is recalled that—during the discussion at the second part of the thirty-sixth session of the Board and consultations at the current session of the Board—a general view emerged that, in the light of policy changes in the countries of Eastern Europe, future consideration of any relevant issues requiring attention should be dealt with in the context of the overall problematique of international trade and economic cooperation. It is therefore the view of member States that a separate Board item on trade relations among countries with different economic and social systems is no longer required.
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> "It is noted that the Secretary-General of UNCTAD is making the necessary adjustments to the work programme and organization of the UNCTAD secretariat and that this will be reflected in due course in the Programme Budget."

3. In accordance with past practice, the Board authorized the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, in consultation with the President, to adjust and complete the provisional agenda in the light of developments. This arrangement was on the understanding that any amendments or additions would be subject to consultations with the representatives of regional groups within the framework of the consultative machinery established by Board decision 143 (XVI) and Board resolution 231 (XXII). The Board also requested the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to consult delegations regarding the organization of work of the session and to circulate his suggestions thereon.

(*c*) Interdependence of problems of trade, development finance and the international monetary system

4. At the 781st meeting, on 17 October 1990, the Board decided to annex to its report the text of a draft resolution entitled "Economic consequences of the latest crisis" submitted by Senegal on behalf of the Group of 77.[12]

(*d*) Reports of subsidiary and other bodies

5. At its 775th meeting, on 3 October 1990, the Board took note of the report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its twenty-third session,[13] which had been submitted to the Board for comment in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 2205 (XXI), of 17 December 1966, section II, paragraph 10.

6. At its 779th meeting, on 9 October 1990, the Board took note of the report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT on its twenty-third session,[14] and of the comments made thereon.

7. At the 780th meeting, the Board:

(*a*) Took note of the report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices on its ninth session,[15] and of the comments made thereon, and endorsed the agreed conclusions annexed thereto;

(*b*) Took note of the report of the Committee on Invisibles and Financing related to Trade on the first part (insurance) of its thirteenth session[16] and of the comments made thereon, and endorsed the provisions of resolution 33 (XIII) annexed thereto; and took note of the report of the Committee on the second part (financing related to trade) of its thirteenth session[17] and of the comments made thereon, and endorsed the provisions of resolution 34 (XIII) annexed thereto;

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[10] TD/B/1276.

[11] See the report of the Board, annex II.

[12] TD/B/L.907; see the report of the Board, annex III.

[13] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 17* (A/45/17); distributed under cover of a note (TD/B/1269).

[14] ITC/AC/XXIII/122 and Add.1; distributed under cover of a note (TD/B/1268).

[15] TD/B/1261-TD/B/RBP/76.

[16] *Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 2* (TD/B/1249).

[17] *Ibid., Supplement No. 3* (TD/B/1262).

(*c*) Took note of the report of the Special Committee on Preferences on its seventeenth session[18] and of the comments made thereon, and endorsed the provisions of resolution 11 (XVII) and agreed conclusions 12 (XVII) annexed thereto;

(*d*) Took note of the report of the Committee on Shipping on its fourteenth session[19] and of the comments made thereon, and endorsed the provisions of resolutions 64 (XIV), 65 (XIV), 66 (XIV) and 67 (XIV) annexed thereto;

(*e*) Took note of the report of the Meeting of Governmental Experts of Island Developing Countries and Donor Countries and Organizations[20] and decided to transmit the comments made thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session, at which time, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 43/189, the report itself would be before the General Assembly.

(*e*) Membership of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget for 1991

8. At the 780th meeting, the Board confirmed the membership of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget for 1991 as follows: Argentina; Australia; Brazil; Bulgaria; China; Egypt; Germany; India; Japan; Kenya; Peru; Philippines; Poland; Sweden; Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; United Republic of Tanzania; United States of America; and Yugoslavia.

(*f*) Treatment of new States members of UNCTAD for purposes of elections

9. At its 773rd meeting, on 1 October 1990, the Board noted that since Democratic Yemen and the Yemen Arab Republic had merged to form a single State, the membership of UNCTAD had changed from 168 to 167. It further noted that the unification of the Federal Republic of Germany and the German Democratic Republic would bring UNCTAD's membership to 166.

(*g*) Announcement of any changes in the membership of the Board and election to membership of main committees

10. At its 773rd meeting, the Board elected the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe to membership of the Board and its main Committees. Taking account of the merger of Democratic Yemen and the Yemen Arab Republic to form a single State, the membership of the Board and its main Committees was confirmed as follows: Trade and Development Board—131; Committee on Commodities—107; Committee on Manufactures—101; Committee on Invisibles and Financing related to Trade—103; Committee on Shipping—103; Committee on Transfer of Technology—99; Committee on Economic Cooperation among Developing Countries—110.

11. The Board took note that the unification of the Federal Republic of Germany and the German Democratic Republic would reduce the membership of the Board and its main Committees by one.

(*h*) Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board

12. At its 775th meeting, the President drew attention to a list of 99 intergovernmental bodies designated under rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board.[21] In this connection, the Board took note that the International Tin Council had ceased to exist as of 31 July 1990.

(*i*) Designation and classification of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board

13. Also at its 775th meeting, the Board approved the applications by the following three non-governmental organizations for designation under rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board and decided, in accordance with the recommendations of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD,[22] that they should be classified under the terms of subparagraphs 12 (*a*) and (*b*) of Board decision 43 (VII), as follows:

General category

International Federation of Business and Professional Women (IFBPW)

Special category for UNCTAD organ indicated other than the Board	*UNCTAD organ*
Caribbean Shipping Association (CSA)	Committee on Shipping
Professional Association of Natural Rubber in Africa (ANRA)	Committee on Commodities

(*j*) United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990: initiation of preparations for UNCTAD's intergovernmental input into the final assessment by the General Assembly in 1991

14. At the 780th meeting, the Board took note of the note by the UNCTAD secretariat[23] and of the comments made thereon.

(*k*) Assistance to the Palestinian people (Conference resolutions 146 (VI) of 2 July 1983 and 169 (VII) of 3 August 1987)

15. At the 780th meeting, the Board took note of the report by the UNCTAD secretariat[24] and of the comments made thereon.

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[18] *Ibid., Supplement No. 4* (TD/B/1263).

[19] *Ibid., Supplement No. 5* (TD/B/1264).

[20] A/CONF.147/5-TD/B/AC.46/5.

[21] TD/B/INF.106/Rev.1.

[22] TD/B/1274.

[23] TD/B/1265.

[24] TD/B/1266 and Corr.1.

(*l*) Arrangements and preparations for the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development[25]

16. At the 780th meeting, the Board approved the substantive item of the provisional agenda for the eighth session of the Conference as follows:

STRENGTHENING NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ACTION AND MULTILATERAL COOPERATION FOR A HEALTHY, SECURE AND EQUITABLE WORLD ECONOMY

Evaluation of challenges and potentials presented by long-term structural changes for sustainable development and expansion of international trade in an interdependent world economy. Promoting economic growth, technological capabilities and accelerated development in the developing countries: adoption of sound national and international policies and measures, good management and structural reforms in both developed and developing countries to achieve the effective and efficient allocation, use and mobilization of human and economic resources and a more favourable international economic environment. Towards this end, issues in the following interrelated areas would be addressed: resources for development; international trade; technology; services; commodities.

17. The Board further noted the related understanding reached in informal consultations that, in addition to the plenary, there would be only one sessional committee and that there would not be more than three simultaneous official meetings.

18. The Board authorized the President to report directly to the General Assembly as appropriate the outcome of the continuing consultations on the question of the venue and dates of the Conference.

19. The Board further authorized the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to complete the provisional agenda for UNCTAD VIII through the addition of the customary administrative and procedural items.

(*m*) Economic cooperation among developing countries

20. At the 780th meeting, the Board decided to remit to a future session item 8 (*b*) (ii), "Problems of trade financing in developing countries (paragraph 4 (*c*) (iii) of resolution 4 (V) of the Committee on Economic Cooperation among Developing Countries".

[25] For statements made by the spokesman for the Group of 77, Group B, Group D and the representative of China in this connection, see the report of the Board, paras. 304-310.

Annex

AGENDA FOR THE FIRST PART OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD
as adopted by the Board at its 733rd meeting, on 1 October 1990

1. Procedural matters:
   (*a*) Election of officers;
   (*b*) Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session;
   (*c*) Adoption of the report on credentials;
   (*d*) Provisional agenda for the second part of the thirty-seventh regular session of the Board.
2. Follow-up and review of the implementation of the Final Act of the Conference at its seventh session in accordance with Board decision 350 (XXXIV):

   Stocktaking of the implementation of the Final Act of the Conference at its seventh session in preparation for UNCTAD VIII.
3. Interdependence of problems of trade, development finance and the international monetary system.[a]
4. Debt and development problems of developing countries:

   Including discussion called for in paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 44/232, of 22 December 1989, on trends in the transfer of resources to and from the developing countries and their impact on the economic growth and sustained development of those countries.
5. Arrangements and preparations for the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.
6. United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990: initiation of preparations for UNCTAD's intergovernmental input into the final assessment by the General Assembly in 1991.
7. Assistance to the Palestinian people (Conference resolutions 146 (VI) of 2 July 1983 and 169 (VII) of 3 August 1987).
8. Other matters in the field of trade and development:[b]
   (*a*) UNCTAD's contribution, within its mandate, to sustainable development (Board decision 370 (XXXV));
   (*b*) Economic cooperation among developing countries:
      (i) Analyses and proposals for the facilitation of trade expansion among developing countries (paragraph 4 (*f*) of resolution 4 (V) of the Committee on Economic Cooperation among Developing Countries);
      (ii) Problems of trade financing in developing countries (paragraph 4 (*c*) (iii) of resolution 4 (V) of the Committee on Economic Cooperation among Developing Countries);
   (*c*) Export promotion: report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT on its twenty-third session;
   (*d*) Progressive development of the law of international trade: twenty-third annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law.
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   (*b*) Invisibles and financing related to trade;
   (*c*) Preferences;
   (*d*) Shipping;
   (*e*) Island developing countries.
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   (*b*) Announcement of any changes in the membership of the Board and election to membership of main Committees;
   (*c*) Membership of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget for 1991;

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[a] Pursuant to paragraphs 7 and 8 of General Assembly resolution 44/219 and paragraph 105 ((7)-(8)) of the Final Act adopted by the Conference at its seventh session, and in line with the consensus recorded at the 730th meeting of the Board (second part of the thirty-fourth session), it has been agreed that, in the consideration of item 3 in its entirety, delegations will be free to refer to developments and issues in the Uruguay Round of particular interest to developing countries. It has also been agreed that an informal exchange on this matter will be organized to which the Director-General of GATT will be invited.

[b] The inclusion of an item on UNCTAD's contribution to the preparations for the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade will depend on the outcome of consultations of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD in accordance with Board decision 373 (XXXVI).

(*d*) Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board;

(*e*) Designation and classification of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure;

(*f*) Review of the calendar of meetings;

(*g*) Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board.

11. Other business.

12. Adoption of the report of the Board.

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